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Various Vermont exchanges tell of the reopening of hotels which have been closed all winter. Reopened and thoroughly renovated, the story should have said, if it could be said with all truth.

Up in the northern part of Vermont, Canadians are picking up Vermont farms and settling on them in ever increasing numbers. It denotes a period of increased prosperity for the state because most of the Canadians who become thus interested in Vermont are good farmers and tend to develop the value of the land. It would be a fine thing if more Canadians could be induced to come into Vermont and take up some of the idle land or the land which is not worked to the limit of its capacity.

If the German army is reduced to 325,000 men, as reported from the American headquarters at Coblenz, the once proud military machine has been effectively broken up. Even in times of peace Germany's standing army numbered about double that size and had reserves immediately available in case of emergency, while in the period when Germany was at the height of her power in the war she no doubt had five or six millions of men under arms. How the mighty is fallen is indicated by the fact that the present military force is a mere skeleton of its former self. However, there will be no disposition on the part of the allies to remove any sizeable part of their armies of occupation until the treaty is signed and Germany begins the payment of the indemnity which is to be demanded.

Secretary of War Baker evidently makes a distinction between the American expeditionary force and the American army of occupation, for he asserts that the American expeditionary force will be home by the latter part of the summer. This does not mean, of course, that the American army of occupation will be finished with its job of policing the borders of Germany by that time, any more than the French or the British armies of occupation will be through with their contract there. So when Secretary Baker says that the American expeditionary force will be out of Europe by September he means that all the units not engaged in actual service with the army of occupation will be out. The army of occupation will stay there for a considerable period, in all probability, else there would not be a concerted effort in the United States to enlist volunteers to act as replacement troops.

The notable performance of the two United States naval planes in flying from Rockaway Beach to Halifax, N. S., and the rescue of the third plane after it had been forced to come down on the water off Chatham, Mass., are indications that the real trans-ocean flight may be accomplished. The two machines which

finished the first leg of the flight came through in good condition, and the operators were ready for the second leg of the trip to Trepassey after a few hours' wait. The third machine stayed on the water all night and was discovered at daybreak and hauled into port, the occupants of the plane having experienced no hardships in the meantime and having, in fact, made some progress on the water and toward port by means of the single engine that was working. It is a thrilling experiment that is going on and one which, if successful, promises to revolutionize trans-Atlantic passage.

A HARSH TREATY BUT JUST.

No one who has read the conditions imposed upon Germany by the allies can doubt for a moment that it is a treaty of victory which the conqueror presents to the conquered. The peace proposal carries little of the spirit of compromise; it subjects Germany to indignities, hardships and immense expense. It is far from that negotiated peace which the Germans fondly hoped for and which some people among the allies expected would be the outcome of the war. Germany is virtually stripped of her army and her navy, is forced to give up her colonies, is divested of some of her best producing mineral fields, to say nothing of relinquishing Alsace and Lorraine to their former owner, is compelled to give up an important port for the use of the new Polish nation and to render her defenses more or less impotent both on land and on water. In short, Germany is, under the terms of the treaty, reduced to a third rate nation as far as international relations are concerned and is forced to spend a great part of the national income in making reparation to the devastated countries. Therefore, it is a peace of victory which the allies are imposing upon Germany.

That it should be a peace of victory rather than a negotiated peace brought about after much dickering, bartering and compromise, with Germany occupying a seat about the table, is the judgment of a large part of the world without doubt. It would have been a monstrous perversion of justice and fairness had Germany been permitted to exert her baleful influence in the determining of the various phases which are hoped to be the basis for a world peace of permanence. Germany deliberately thrust the world into the greatest war in history and Germany sucked the life blood of the world just as far as she was able to do so. Now Germany makes just restitution and is to be placed where the performance cannot be repeated. This is not to mean that Germany cannot develop industrially and commercially. That growth is to be expected in due season after the incubus of the war has been thrown off. But for the present Germany is to hold the position of the penitent even though the spirit of penitence may be absent. It is a hard but just peace.

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HARDWICK

Mrs. P. C. Kittredge is home from Springfield.

Joe Hopkins of St. Johnsbury were in town a part of the week.

The scout orchestra has been engaged for a dance at North Hyde Park on the evening of July 4, and at North Montpelier for a return engagement on May 22, and will play for the Nellie Gill



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Merton Carr has returned from Boston, where he has been employed for some time. He will assist his father, F. T. Carr, in the conduct of the business of the Strout agency. The office of the Strout agency has been moved from Mr. Carr's residence on Brush street into rooms in the Flatiron building.

C. T. Pierce, M. G. Morse and V. W. Rand were visitors in Montpelier on Thursday.

Mrs. J. Wade Benjamin visited at her parents' in Plainfield Thursday.

The trains on this road changed time last Monday.

State Highway Commissioner Bates was in town a short time Thursday on business.

The scout headquarters was the scene of a pleasant gathering of scouts and their friends, at which time medals and bars won by the boys in the fourth loan were presented in a very happy manner

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